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AN EVENT OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

New Year's day 1916 will be "marked with a white stone" by the prohibitionists of the United States for all time to come. They have made an uphill fight for years; criticised harshly, condemned and berated, they stood by their guns when attacked and boldly advanced in counter attacks so soon as the pressure was relieved. They were aggressive, persistent, undismayed, resourceful, determined, and they have won a most decisive victory.

It is an event, even in so large a country as ours with its nearly one hundred million population, when six states with a population of eight million people, voluntarily banish saloons and curtail the use of intoxicants.

It is no common occasion when six of the 48 states of the Union, of their own accord, climb on the water wagon.

It is not to be expected that all opposition to the movement has ceased in these states, for there will be for a time at least violations of the law. Many look upon their being forcibly, as it were, denied the use of spirituous liquors, or their being hampered in securing them, as an attack on their personal liberties. In a sense this is true. Man in a state of nature could do about as he pleased—if he was strong enough. In that condition with every man's hand against him, and his against all his fellow men, when might was right, he undoubtedly had the right to help himself to whatever he could get.

Civilized man is a different being, because conditions are different. His personal liberties, must be curtailed in some cases for the good of all. He must pay taxes for one thing—if he has property, and whether he wants to or not. He gives up certain of his rights and some of his property for the good of all.

In a natural state, if he had the measles or small pox, he could still go where he pleased, and divide up his troubles with any who tried to stop him. As a civilized man he is deprived of his liberty and isolated, not as a punishment, but as a protection to his fellows.

It is this view of the case that is taken by the prohibitionists and which, it seems, was also taken by a majority of the voters in six states.

However it is hard to enforce a law when a strong minority is opposed to it, and there will undoubtedly be much contention and many violations of the law. However those charged with the enforcement of the law have laid their plans well, have organized for a united campaign and will no doubt eventually put an end to them.

No matter what any of us may believe as to the correctness of the law, we as good citizens must obey it, and aid in its enforcement just as we would in any other.

The sworn circulation statement of the Capital Journal for the month of December is the best evidence of the comparative popularity of morning and evening newspapers. No other newspaper circulating in the Salem territory has a list of regular subscribers approximating this total within hundreds, and none is growing so rapidly and consistently. The Capital Journal uses no fake popularity voting contests or other discredited methods to boost its circulation, and grows because the people like a clean, newsy paper that covers its field, both local and general, better than any competitor. The Capital Journal has the best telegraphic service and does not spare any reasonable expense to give its readers the current news.

The most hopeful sign of peace since the war started is the present discussion of it being possible. Once the warring nations get the peace idea back into existence it is certain to grow and will result in some real offers being made before long, and they need not come from the Ford camp either.

By way of Switzerland comes reports of rioting in Berlin and other German cities, over the food shortage, and the desire to have the war ended. While these reports may be greatly exaggerated, their persistency indicates there are at least some facts behind them.

THE BABY NINETEEN SIXTEEN

The weather clerk proved himself a kind hearted and forgiving old chap last night, and he certainly has much to forgive. Ever since man was fired out of the garden of Eden, he and his innumerable descendants have had a grouch against the weather man. It is too hot or too cold; too wet or too dry, never just right. When fault finding man isn't wishing it would rain, he is hoping it will clear up. When it is calm he longs for a breeze, and when Zephyr flirts even mildly with Boreas, he wants the wind to cease.

When the genial old sun lets the light of his countenance shine on the laggard earth, and wakes to life plant and blossom and verdure, man always dissatisfied longs for the clouds, or the falling of night. So it goes on forever and ever, while the patient old weather man orders heat and cold, calm and breeze, sunshine and cloud alternately; trying his best to please everybody and never succeeding, yet with utmost patience, persistently at work and sticking to a job that no one else would have, or could handle.

And so last night he just forgot all the kicks and complaints of man, and with his big generous heart and willing hands, prepared for the coming of the little baby year, Nineteen Sixteen.

He gave him a royal reception too, for as the youngster at the stroke of midnight peeped over the summits of the Cascades, he found here all in readiness for his coming. Everywhere was a fleecy blanket, white as an angel's wings, soft as the down of a cygnet, pure as a child's dream, and all just on account of the new born baby.

It was royal reception Oregon gave him, thanks to the good old weather man. And today the youngster can look over the fairest land on earth, and tread the erstwhile muddy highway, without soiling his tootsies or seeing the unsightly things tucked away and hidden under the big blanket.

Let us hope the youngster will appreciate his reception and give us a prosperous reign. May he treat us all better than his predecessor, 1915, who fled over the Pacific last night never to return.

The report comes that the doctors will soon operate on King Constantine. This is tough on the king, but he probably feels that even the surgeon's knife is preferable to the aggregation of diplomatic tongues that have been operating on him for the past four months. Being talked to death is said to be about the most painful way of assassinating a man—or reputation.

This is the day for making resolutions, the next three or four days will be devoted to arguing the question out between the fellow who swore off and the fellow who wonders why he did it, and the result will be that by the time the baby year ends his first week most of those good resolutions will be broken or at least badly bent. The fellow who wonders why generally wins out over the other self that adopted the resolutions.

When you see the old man making a sneak for the wood house in the next day or two, just after he has surrounded his supper, you can safely bet that when he quit smoking and discarded his pipe forever, he laid it away carefully so that in case anything should happen that it would be needed, it could be found. That something always happens, too.

A "pork barrel" appropriation is one that is made for some place remote from where the user of the phrase has his residence; or his property that would be benefited by the appropriation.

Not necessary to swear off on the booze habit. You'll have to do some hard swearing before the proper officials in order to get enough to make a decent jag in the future.



TROUBLE

Old Trouble hid, inside a tree, and muttered, "Now, dad, blind me, I think that men won't bother me—they won't know where to find me!" But men and women everywhere, from Tampa to Toronto, exclaimed, the while they paved the air, "Oh, where has Trouble gone to? When Trouble is no more about, we shed the tears unbidden; let us go forth and hunt him out, wherever he is hidden." They got search warrants at the court, and lanterns trimmed with bunting, and every dame and every sport forth to the woods went hunting. They let all other business slide—naught else was so important, and through the forest dark and wide, they scrambled, where they'd or'n't. And oh, the rapture and the glee, when through a glade repairing, they found poor Trouble in his tree, and dragged him from it, swearing. Triumphant they homeward went, their fears and cares were over, for they had found the long-lost gent; thenceforth they'd live in clover.



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School Superintendent To Resign to Accept Agricultural College Work

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Dallas, Ore., Jan. 1.—H. C. Seymour, school superintendent of Polk county, since 1907, will resign from his office about the first of February and take a position at the Oregon Agricultural college as field worker of the boys' and girls' industrial work department. The report was circulated early in the week that Mr. Seymour would resign but the report lacked confirmation. Mr. Seymour returned Wednesday from Medford, where he had attended a meeting of the State Teachers' association and announced that within a few days he would send in his resignation to take place the first of February.

Mr. Seymour is one of the best known school men in the state. He began his school work in Polk county by teaching school in the Upper St. Croix district. He has also taught school in Lincoln, Tillamook and Clackamas counties. In 1907 he was appointed to the office to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. L. Starr and has held the office continuously ever since. Mr. Seymour is a member of the state on the standardization plan and the home credit system is also a product of his untiring labors for the betterment of Oregon's schools. Just who his successor will be is undecided at this time as there are several applicants in the field for the position. The vacancy is filled by appointment by the county court who will probably fill the place at their regular meeting in January.

Rickreall Visited by Robbers.

The mercantile store of Lucas & Price, the postoffice and the residence of H. C. Eakin at Rickreall were entered by burglars some time Wednesday morning or Tuesday night and robbed of valuables. The postoffice, which is located in the above store was robbed of about \$50 worth of stamps. Nothing of value has been missed from the store. At the Eakin residence a purse containing several dollars and a gold watch and chain was taken. The thefts are supposed to have been committed by tramps as the book that contained the stamps was found along the railroad track leading to Greenwood the next day. The Rickreall postoffice was robbed about a year ago and the safe blown open and the Eakin ranch was visited by robbers some time in the only spring when chicken thieves stole about 200 chickens. Sheriff Orr has been busy on the case since Wednesday, but up to the present time no clue as to who the parties are has been obtained.

Miss Ora Collins Married.

Miss Ora Collins, a daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. L. Collins, of this city, was married on December 18 to J. W. Nanne, an automobile dealer in Benson, Arizona. Miss Collins has been teaching school in Arizona for the past several years.

Gail Hotel Changes Hands.

Henry Serr has sold the Gail hotel in this city to J. B. Thompson, the owner of the property and its former proprietor, and will leave after the first of the month for Spokane, Wash., to make his future home. Mr. Serr has had charge of the hotel for the past three and one-half years and has enjoyed a splendid business during that time. His hotel has been the headquarters of the traveling public and his place of business has gained a statewide reputation as an up-to-date hotel. He has been an active member of the Dallas Commercial club and one of the most enthusiastic boosters the town has ever had. The reason for his disposing of the hotel is for the benefit of his wife's health, which has been very poor since coming to this city. He goes to Spokane with the hope that a higher altitude will be beneficial to her. Mr. Thompson, the new proprietor, is one of the oldest hotelmen in the state. For the past three years he has been connected with hotels in Albany.

Stockton Has First Snow

Sacramento Is Blanketed

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 1.—Snow ushered in the year 1916 in Sacramento and the Capital City had a "white" New Year's day.

Three hours after the stroke of 12 o'clock snow began falling. It came down in big flakes and by 3 o'clock this morning measured three inches, orange and palm trees being coated in white.

Cold weather continued and the snow remained. Throughout the forenoon there was snowfalling in which the old folks and youngsters participated. There was enough snow to build "forts" and "snowmen." It was the heaviest fall in the history of the city. Only a few times previously had snow fallen in Sacramento and then there were only traces.

Mrs. William Baittle and son, Bynon, of Portland, are spending New Year's at the home of Miss Babel Brassfield.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

The court house revelled in a New Year's holiday today with the exception of the sheriff's office which is always open and the county clerk's office where County Clerk Gehlar and Deputy U. G. Boyer worked over time to clean up the rush of the last year's business and start the new year with a clean slate. County Assessor Ben West was also working over some of his records which have been belated for various reasons. Both courts took a legal holiday after holding court yesterday to prepare for the January term.

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A. J. Kissick, a suit to cancel a lease.

By the order the lease of the plaintiff is cancelled and the plaintiff is required to pay \$300 and each party is to pay their own costs. Carson & Brown represented the plaintiffs and E. P. Moreton and George G. Bingham represented the defendants.

Judge Galloway handed down a decree in his department of the circuit court yesterday in the case of Alice McCoy against E. A. Thompson where by Mr. Thompson is declared to be the owner in fee simple of lot 1 Bradley's addition to Mill City and the plaintiff is forever barred from interfering with or claiming any interest in the property.

In the case of E. N. Derby, trustee, against the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., United States National Bank and the state fair board, Judge Galloway decreed that the plaintiff should receive \$23,055 from the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. and the U. S. National Bank is to receive \$1034.57.

A petition to admit the last will and testament of Caroline Provost, who died November 27, to probate has been filed in the probate court. The estate consists of 110 acres of land one half mile from St. Paul and the real property is valued at \$9000. The personal property is valued at \$2500. There are no lineal descendants of the deceased and the only heir is Julian Provost the husband, aged 78 years. The only legatee is Octavia O'Mara who petitions to be appointed executrix of the estate.

An attachment has been served upon the store of Huie Wing Song Co. at 201 North Commercial street in connection with the claim of Flora L. Newman for \$156.48. The store was released upon instructions from the plaintiff's attorneys pending settlement of the controversy.

New year's marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk to James Harry McAlvin, a Salem clerk, and Grace I. Moore, an attendant of this city, also to John Byron Goodrich, a Medford clerk, and Nettie B. Franz, a Salem milliner.

Clara P. Fouch has brought suit in the circuit court against Alfred W. Bigelow, Hattie A. Reynolds and W. C. Reynolds to collect \$500 alleged due on a promissory note. A mortgage was given on lot 8, block 74, Wild's subdivision of block 74 in North Salem. The plaintiff asks for a judgment in the sum of \$500 with interest and attorney's fees at \$50 and a foreclosure of the mortgage.

Ralph W. Landiers filed a suit yesterday in the circuit court against Garfield Voigt to cancel a contract for sale of 10 acres of land in this county. The complaint states that he has paid \$208 on the contract and the defendant refuses to release the land from a

mortgage and he seeks to have the contract cancelled and the sum of \$208 returned to him.

The first shipment of blank booze affidavits has been exhausted and the county clerk has sent in a rush order for a fresh supply. The stock of affidavits books for the common carriers was first to be used up as all railroad and express companies were obliged to supply each clerk with an individual book.

Kaiser Sends New Year Greeting to His Armies

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Thanks for their valor, and for the sacrifices they have made and a prediction of success for the coming year were given today in Kaiser Wilhelm's New Year's greeting to the army, navy and colonial forces.

"Comrades," said the note, "a year of severe fighting has elapsed. Wherever superior forces of the enemy have tried to rush our lines, they have failed before your loyalty and bravery. Everywhere that I sent you into battle you were gloriously victorious.

"Thankfully we remember all the brethren who joyfully gave their blood to gain security for their beloved ones, for their homes and the imperishable glory of the fatherland.

"What they began, we will accomplish. We enter the new year with God for protection of the fatherland and Germany's greatness."

Broadway Welcomed Coming of Sweet Sixteen

New York, Jan. 1.—What a night! Broadway welcomed "sweet sixteen" with the wildest New Year's eve in all her wild history.

People by thousands jammed the gay white way; wine flowed like water in the big cafes. New York laughed, danced, shouted and blew itself weary in a pandemonium of revelry.

And, when the chimes of old Trinity school out through the skyscrapers' anvans, they were drowned in a riot of racket more joyous, more ear-splitting, more wholesome than anything gay little old New York ever knew before.

New York heads ached today, but Father Knickerbocker winked one eye slyly, and remarked for publication: "New Year's eve comes but once a year, and there's only one New York."

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